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REMARKS

The official action of June 23, 2005 required restriction of the present application to a particular invention selected from the following four groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-13 and 27-30, drawn to a method for determining gastrin hormone in a biological fluid sample, classified in class 435, subclass 7.93.
- II. Claims 14-37, drawn to a method for determining the amount of free gastrin hormone in a biological fluid sample, classified in class 435, subclass 7.94.
- III. Claim 38, drawn to a method for determining the total amount of bound plus free peptide in a biological sample, classified in class 435, subclass 7.92.
- IV. Claims 39-60, drawn to a method of evaluating a gastrin hormone-blocking treatment of a patient, classified in class 424, subclass 158.1.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of group II (claims 14-37 drawn to a method for determining the amount of free gastrin hormone in a biological fluid sample) for prosecution in the present application.

Applicants have amended claims 17, 18, 21, 22, 25, 26, 29, 30, 33, 34 and 37 to include the appropriate ATCC accession numbers. Claims 21, 22 and 33 have also been amended to correct a clerical error, by replacing a period with a comma. These amendments have made no change to the scope of the respective claims.

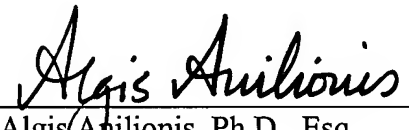
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Claim 37 has been further amended to extend the scope of the claim to include hybridoma 401-1 (ATCC accession no. PTA-5892.

This response is being filed before the expiration of the allotted time for a response. Therefore, no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, should any fee be deemed necessary in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

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